

Leeds Metropolitan University

Legal Practice Course provider institutional profile

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General information

Leeds Law School at Leeds Metropolitan University ("Leeds Met") provides a friendly and supportive teaching environment for all students, and offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses. Leeds Met is a "low charging high impact University" and won gold and silver in the 2006 Times Higher Education Awards.

The LPC is offered in full and part time mode. The strengths of the course are its professional mentor scheme, full programme of marked mock assessments, friendly and experienced staff, modern teaching facilities and low course fees. We have an enthusiastic LPC team and we provide a very friendly and helpful approach to all students. We have a very happy student cohort who feel that they receive very good value for money.

The LPC staff at Leeds Met have considerable experience in legal practice and include local practitioners. The course as a whole has very strong links with the local legal profession including the Professional Mentor Scheme. All LPC students at Leeds Met are allocated a professional mentor. These mentors are local solicitors who are working in practice in Leeds and West Yorkshire. Many of them are partners in their firms and they represent the full range of firms in the West Yorkshire region, from large commercial firms to small high street practices. They also include representatives from the Crown Prosecution Service and in-house legal departments. Leeds has a thriving legal community and is the country's second and fastest growing legal centre

Leeds Met also provides students with extensive careers support including CV workshops and sessions on applications, interview techniques and presentations. Students can make individual appointments with two dedicated LPC Careers Co-ordinators to discuss their CVs and covering letters. Students are also kept informed of the latest job vacancies by internet and email.

Leeds Law School moved into prestigious new buildings in Leeds City Centre in September 2005. The new buildings are a few minutes walk from Leeds Train Station and are very close to all bus routes. Our new buildings have excellent facilities including modern lecture theatres and seminar rooms, mock courtroom and careers room. There is a dedicated LPC Resources Room including new computers and extensive practitioner texts for the exclusive use of LPC students. It also contains a brand new skills suite which can be used by students for video recording oral skills including advocacy, interviews and presentations. The buildings are wireless with the opportunity for students to borrow laptops to work on site. LPC students can also use all the facilities in the University's Library which is open for 24 Hours during the academic year.

Students completing the LPC can proceed to do the LL.M. at Leeds Met.

Course Fee: Full Time Students - £6,500 per annum (approx)

Part Time Students - £3,300 per annum (approx)
The course fees include the cost of all books and manuals.
A 10% discount is provided to all Leeds Met students.
Students can pay Course Fees in instalments (20% payable on enrolment)
The Law Society Registration Fee is not included in the course fee.

Validated Places: 105 Full Time (FT)
45 Part Time (PT)

Course Length: 41 weeks - Full Time
82 weeks - Part Time (over 2 years)
The Part Time Course is taught on Monday evenings (6-8 p.m.) and Wednesday afternoons/evenings (12.30-8 p.m). Part Time students are also sometimes required to attend on another evening if a Monday is a bank holiday. Part Time students can study for the LPC alongside their training contract.

Foundation Course: 2 Weeks (Full Time)
3 Weeks (Part Time)
Part Time students are required to attend all day on Mondays and Wednesdays and the second Friday during the two week Foundation Course.

Electives offered: Employment Law
Family Law
Personal Injury Litigation
Commercial Law
Commercial Leases
Housing Law
Advising the Elderly Client
Private Acquisitions
Advanced Criminal Litigation (planned for 07/08)

Delivery methods: One hour large group sessions (whole cohort).
Two hour small group sessions.

Class Size: Whole group for large group sessions and 15/16 for small group sessions. Students are required to work in groups of 3 and 4 in small group sessions.

Staffing: The LPC at Leeds Met meets the Law Society Staff/Student ratio of 1:12.5. There is a team of administrators who supported the course.

Disabled Access: There is disabled access to all University buildings.
Lifts are available.

Catering: There is a café in the Law School building. The University refectory offers a wide variety of good priced meals including

Italian, Indian, and Chinese Cuisine; Salad Bars and Coffee Shop. The Student Union also includes bars and cafes.

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